

Most of us have heard the old adage “it is better to give than to receive” and hear people share the wonderful intangibles they’ve discovered when they volunteer their time, talent or treasures to a worthy cause. It’s enough to make you stop and wonder if perhaps it might all actually be true; could giving really be *that* great? But even if it’s true, who’s got the time these days, between kids and work and after school activities, to give anything else? Not to mention that you can’t help but feel the little you could give really wouldn’t be enough to make a difference. Volunteering sounds like a great idea and it probably would feel very rewarding, but the truth is, giving any more of yourself can sometimes feel like a bridge too far.

You’re not alone! But, what if you could give just a little bit of your time and, with lots of helping hands, that little bit would be *more than enough* to make a difference? And what if besides being a fabulous example, you’d also be helping a few great military organizations support families *AND* you’d be providing college scholarships to deserving students *AND* you’d meet some super people *AND* you’d have some amazing NYC adventures with these super people? Might that bridge feel a bit more like you could actually cross it?

The Ft. Hamilton Community Spouses’ Foundation, Inc. at www.forthamiltonspousesclub.org is an organization built upon the motto, “Where Giving Back is Fun!” In this club, that’s not just some empty one-liner; it’s the truth! If you’re a military spouse (and men are spouses, too!), whether active duty or retired, or a member of the surrounding Ft. Hamilton community, you are eligible for membership in our club. More importantly, WE WANT YOU to help us make a difference in our community and have some amazing adventures along the way. We are a non-profit charitable organization committed to providing opportunities for our members that promote educational advancement to military families, enhance the morale, welfare, and recreational activities of these families and promote the military and this foundation by providing charitable contributions to the local community (military and non-profit civilian) and national charitable organizations.

NOW is a *perfect* time to join because they’re getting set to wrap up this year and introduce next year’s Board. On 9 June from 4:00pm-6:00pm at the Ft. Hamilton Community Club, the 2010-2011 Board will proudly present \$24000 worth of donations and college scholarships to deserving recipients, including various Ft. Hamilton family programs and 11 college scholarship winners (individual recipients, Page 2). At the end of the evening, the new 2011-2012 Board who will share a bit about where the club is headed next year. The first event, set for September, has already been planned and is sure to be tons of fun!

Please consider this a personal invitation to find out more about this fantastic Ft. Hamilton civic organization by going to www.forthamiltonspousesclub.org or emailing our current Club President, Kimberlee Eggers at kimberlee.eggers@gmail.com. Membership in the club is free, but you need to complete an application form (located on our website) for the club records.

Mark your calendars for 9 June, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Ft. Hamilton Community Club!

The Ft. Hamilton Spouses’ Foundation, Inc. Distributes \$24,000 in 2010-2011 Charitable Contributions

All contribution monies were generated solely from income generated by sales at the Ft. Hamilton Thrift Shop. For more details, check out www.forthamiltonspousesclub.org

1. FHCSF awarded \$11,000 in college scholarships.

Congratulations to:

Amaya P. George	\$2,500	Cornell University
Daniel S. Cantu II	\$1,500	Georgetown College
Grant F. George	\$1,500	Cornell University
Makelina M. Pastorella	\$1,500	Penn State University
Brooke M. Durham	\$1,250	Penn Foster High School
Shelby M. Aldrich	\$750	Kingsborough College
Crystal A. Caez	\$750	Brookdale Community College
Aime E. Patrick	\$750	Seton Hall University
Paul E. Casazza Jr.	\$500	Villanova University

2. FHCSF awarded \$13000 in charitable contributions to:

- \$2500 to the Ft. Hamilton Library to purchase bookshelves
- \$2000 to the Post Gym to sponsor an Army 10 Miler Qualifier race
- \$2500 to MWRs Army Community Service Volunteer Program for an appreciation banquet
- \$1000 to MWRs Waiting Families to offset the cost of family events for families of deployed Soldiers and Marines
- \$2500 to MWRs Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) for the annual AFAP conference
- \$500 to Pennsylvania Military Police Battalion to host a PRE-DEPLOYMENT event for families.
- \$2000 to FCC Homecare providers to purchase highchairs and cribs as they expand their home care provider program to service more childcare needs.